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Miss Gandy	✓

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is an exact copy of a recent letter to the  
Captain of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police.  
This letter was written by a member of the Executive  
Committee of the ~~Washington Teachers' Union~~ but for  
obvious reasons the name of the writer has been deleted  
from this copy.

~~TEACHERS Union~~ U.A.S.W. DC

The thought occurred to me that your office may want to  
determine whether or not Captain [ ] actually received  
this correspondence which to me is one of the most fright-  
ening (and enlightening) documents I've read in some time.

Congressman Basil Whitener made an entry in the Congressional  
Record last week, having to do with detailed activities of  
the Washington Teachers' Union. By all means, read it if  
you haven't already.

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Cordially yours,

*Charles H. Crutchfield*

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CC: The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.  
Chief J. C. Goodman, Charlotte Police Department

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Memorandum to Captain [REDACTED]  
District of Columbia Metropolitan Police

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On the evening of April 10, 1968 I attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Washington Teachers' Union. The attendance was smaller than usual, and I witnessed a freedom of expression that became more than alarming in its content.

[REDACTED] staff assistant to the president, spoke of the weekend disturbances in glowing terms. He advised that the union should prepare statements and teaching materials which will exploit the current situation. Especially was I distressed when [REDACTED] asked that we, as teachers, try to remove moral considerations and relate the disturbance to such historical incidents as the Boston Tea Party. He spoke at length in a rambling style. After about ten minutes, I became totally impatient, and asked him to make his specific recommendations. Quoting myself, I said, "I don't read you, [REDACTED]."

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At last month's meeting [REDACTED] told the committee members that he has accepted a position as Director of the Freedom Schools to be conducted as part of the Poor People's March on Washington. He declared that he did not believe in non-violence but thought that sometimes it does achieve necessary goals. At that time I stated that I would like to know what his real philosophy is and I was advised by the president to make an appointment with him ([REDACTED]) in his office and find out for myself.

To return to last Wednesday's meeting, I must say that Mr. William H. Simons, President of the Washington Teachers' Union, then gathered up the discussion where [REDACTED] left off. He made it all too clear that he felt the destruction of this past weekend to be the only way to change a sick society. He said that the riots are the voice of the "body politic" demanding change. Then he affirmed that he was ready to lead down Sixteenth Street himself and throw the first Molotov cocktail into the White House. Although I countered that there are several constructive means to achieve improvements in our society, he continued to maintain that that destruction and violence represent the only way that can

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possibly be effective. He said that he would burn down his own house and go on from there. When I said that I didn't want any Molotov cocktail in my house, he replied that he would have no qualms about throwing it. At the same time, he was saying that he and I have no problems in working together; it seemed rather to be a way of expressing that the end justifies the means. Since he is a former teacher of social studies, I assume that he knows that this kind of justification for social action is a basic tenet of communist doctrine or communist indoctrination.

Having observed [ ] within the union operation as one who possesses sophisticated skills in the technics of subversion, I have been inclined to blame [ ] for the whole new posture now assumed by Simons. However, there was one occasion last spring when Mr. Simons did relate to me in his office that he felt like tossing a Molotov cocktail into the White House. I have known him as a very responsible person in the past, and I simply remarked at that time that the important thing is that he didn't do things like that. He has since expressed great bitterness at the inaction of President Johnson and the Congress in the areas of civil rights and home rule for the District of Columbia. Now that [ ] [ ] has gathered a loyal following within the union and constitutional changes seem to be in preparation which would allow [ ] to be nominated for the office of president while Simons may take a position with the national organization, the American Federation of Teachers, it appears that the responsible membership may have a very difficult time reestablishing control of the union's policies and activities. It remains to be seen whether or not the more responsible elements within the union will be able to unite their forces to revise the leadership during the elections scheduled for May. Also, a great deal can happen that is irresponsible before the election day of May 27.

For the information of your office it should also be noted that Mr. Simons is one of the vice-presidents of the American Federation of Teachers and is a candidate on the Democratic slate supporting Robert Kennedy in the May Primary.

There is a complexity of background that I shall not attempt in this memorandum; however, I am available to answer such questions as may arise. The proper school authorities have been briefed on the situation, and an attempt is being made within the union to

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right the ship. There isn't much optimism at this time simply because very few people have yet identified for themselves the new direction that the union is taking and it is obvious that the present leadership is carefully structuring materials which are prepared for the general membership.

(Name purposely deleted)